

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
)	Group Art Unit: 2653
KUOK SAN HO ET AL.)	
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SERIAL NO.: Not Assigned)	
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FILED: September 30, 2003)	Examiner: A. Heinz
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In advance of the first examination, Applicants hereby respectfully amend the subject application, as follows: